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#### **OVERSEAS**

Member Ray Clifford has recently disposed of the family transport business and has moved residence to Coolangatta on the Gold Coast. At the moment he is overseas, travelling to the United States and Canada, and should return to the Club within a few weeks.

Well known and popular member Sam Block who, with his wife, is doing a world trip, has written several letters to Arthur McCamley. Sam writes a very good letter, and it appears that he and his wife have been having an excellent time. They are travelling by ship which, as we all know, is the best way to have a really good holiday. It was a blessing in disguise when Sam took ill and had to defer their Paris holiday, as this was just prior to all the trouble breaking out. He wasn't seriously ill and was soon back on his feet. They are touring England and the Continent, and we know that the boys on the Third Floor will be glad to see Sam back again.

Clyde Chapple and his wife, Ella, have gone on an extended tour of Hong Kong, Japan, America and the Continent.

Latest report is that they are about to arrive in England after having a few days in Lisbon and Cherbourg.

#### CORRECTION

In the last issue of TCM it was reported that Ray Purves had been in hospital. This was an error and should have read that Mrs. Roy Purves had been in hospital. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Some time ago the Committee decided to honour the Chairman, Frank Carberry, by having his portrait painted which is to be hung alongside portraits of previous chairmen.

The painting is now completed and will be unveiled by the Premier, the Hon. R. W. Askin, at 5.30 p.m., on Friday, August 16th.

Members are invited to be present on this auspicious occasion.

#### **NEW PRESIDENT**

Club member Vic Chalwin has recently been elected president of the Amateur Athletic Association of N.S.W., succeeding Sir Charles Moses, also a member, who held the office for 21 years.

Vic is also president of the Sydney University Sports Union, a member of the N.S.W. Olympic Council, and chairman of the All Nations Club. We wish you well in your new appointment, Vic.

#### SAD BUT VERY PROUD

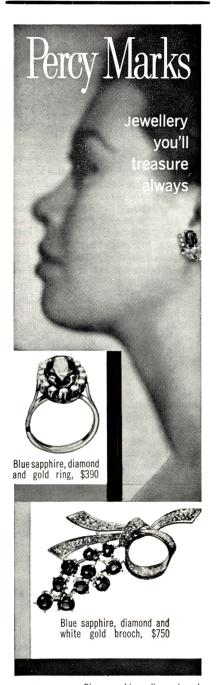
Many members will, by now, be aware of the recent death in Vietnam of Shane O'Connor, eldest son of well known member Arthur O'Connor.

Shane was only 19 years of age and entered the Army with the object of becoming an Army pilot. He had been intent upon joining the clergy and was advised not to make a final decision until after gaining more experience in life, thus prompting him to join the Army.

As Shane was too young to immediately realise his ambition he enlisted as a regular soldier in the interim and, after a year of training, was sent to Vietnam. He was selected as the Forward Scout of his patrol, 8 Platoon, C. Coy., 4 R.A.R., and was leading the patrol in search of the Vietcong when he made contact with the enemy, was struck by a burst of machine gun fire and killed instantly. He was accorded a full military funeral.

Arthur, a sad but proud father — himself a returned A.I.F. soldier from World War II, was greatly comforted in receiving a personal letter from the Commander of the 1st Australian Task Force, Brigadier Hughes, part of which read: "Your son was a brave man and a good soldier and his loss makes us even more determined to continue fighting for the way of life which we know he valued".

To you, Arthur, your wife and remaining children, we all join to extend to you sincere condolences. You have reason to feel proud of your son who fought and died for the country he loved.





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#### PROUD FATHER

Eric Morgan, Snr., whose sons Eric, Jnr., and Gilbert are also members, has reason to feel proud of his youngest son, Michael.

Michael, aged 21, has been selected to row in the Rowing Eight in the Mexico Olympics. Michael comes from a family of oarsmen — Eric, Snr., coached Newington College crews for some years. Michael also represented in the Australian Eight last year at the Exporegattas in Canada and, later, was selected in the Australian coxed four which toured New Zealand late last year.

Along with several other notable triumphs in this sport, Michael deserves congratulations for one so young to represent his country in the Olympic Games. We wish you success, Michael, and hope you bring home a gold medal.

Member Victor Jennings, director of John T. Jennings Pty. Ltd. which has now merged with Dental Houses of Aust. Pty. Ltd., will be overseas on a business trip of four months — covering the United States, Great Britain, Europe and Japan — to study the latest developments in dental equipment. He will be accompanied by his wife.

Victor will attend the American National Dental Congress at Miami, U.S.A., and the International Dental Show in West Germany. Have a good trip, Victor.

#### **GOLD COAST NEWS**

The usual contingent of members, their wives and friends doing the rounds from Doomben to the Gold Coast during July managed to get together somewhere along the Surfers Strip.

Dave and Gwen Tarrant broke the news of their recent marriage at a very happy dinner party; Ray Davis, very much at home as toastmaster, played his part with enjoyment and quiet humour. Congratulations, Dave and Gwen.

A dilemma for Bill & Trudy Riordan who were due back in Sydney for their old friend Jack Chown's very special birthday celebration — no fuel, no planes, and very little time but Bill and Trudy managed a last minute dash to Brisbane for the train trip home.

#### SUVA HOLIDAY

Ernie Heine and wife are at present holidaying in Suva. They will be away for some weeks enjoying the tropical sunshine. Your friends in the "Corner" are looking forward to your return, Ernie.

#### RETURN FROM ABROAD

Sid Parker recently returned from a trip covering most countries. He looks well and spoke highly of the various countries he visited, especially Austria. Nice to see you back in the club, Sid.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS CLIFF**

Cliff Graves, our most consistent supporter of T.C.M. with his articles on racing, recently received a letter of thanks from club member Bill Kelso on his story of the Kelso Saga which Bill and his wife appreciated very much. Our thanks also, Cliff.

#### **OBITUARIES**

- R. A. PEDLINGHAM
  Elected 5/4/54
  Died 13/7/68
- W. A. BOYCE Elected 19/12/66 Died 15/7/68
- F. C. R. WATERS

  Elected 7/4/52

  Died 5/7/68
- G. EPSTEIN

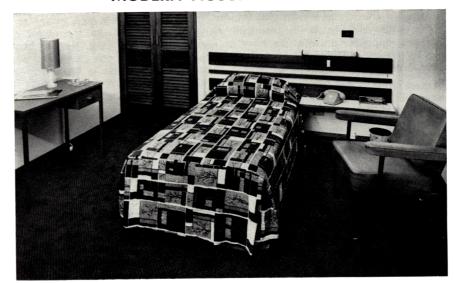
  Elected 23/2/31

  Died 2/7/68
- M. S. ADAMS

  Elected 24/2/36

  Died 1/7/68
- G. M. MURRAY
  Elected 30/4/62
  Died 26/6/68

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## **BOWLING NOTES**

The Bowling Club would like to congratulate the Committee of Tattersall's Club for being reelected for a further 12 months.

The main interest this month has been the singles championship and the pairs handicap which have now reached the final stages and congratulations go to the remaining players.

The singles championship final is between Jack Kellaway and Harold Hill and, by all accounts, looks like being a terrific contest. Both these players are very experienced and may the best man win. Good luck to both of you.

The pairs handicap is now in the semifinals and the remaining games to be played are: P. McGrath and E. Westhoff versus T. Anderson and S. Chatterton (sub.); T. Renensson and W. West versus J.Nevill and H. Rosengarten. All players will be notified when and where they are to play.

Once again we would like to remind members to place their names as soon as possible on the notice board on the first floor of the Club for the luncheon and match at Pennant Hills between ourselves and City Tatts who will be our hosts on the 20th August. A good attendance to this function is particularly requested as it promises to be a very pleasant day.

The President, Dr. Fuz Porter, would like members to bear in mind the 27th of August when three rinks of four are required to play at Ashfield. All members who can play on this day please put their names on the board and the

selector will pick three rinks from these names.

The trophy winners for the month:

27th June, Rose Bay

M. Barnett

L. Malouf 22 points

4th July, Rose Bay

T. Renensson

W. West 22 points

11th July, Waverley

D. Wilson

J. King (Visitor) 22 points

18th July, Rose Bay

F. Spring

M. Greenberg

N. Solomon 21 points

25th July, Kensington

H. Jones

M. Greenberg

A. Willis 20 points

Happy bowling to all.

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#### DINING ROOM HOURS

Lunch — 12.30-2.15 Monday to Friday

Dinner — 6.00-8.00 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Dinner — 6.00-8.30 Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Dinner Dance Thursday and Saturday 6.30-11.00 p.m.

No children under 14 years of age on Saturday evenings, due to heavy bookings.

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### 19th GOLD COAST WINTER BOWLS CARNIVAL

Tattersall's members who journeyed north to take part in this gruelling marathon round of pairs, fours and singles included Sam Peters, Gordon Booth, Mel Watson, Bill Hetherington, Dick and Ron Relton, Len Greenberg, Henry Joseph, Peter McGrath and Keith Urguhart.

Some 1400 bowlers from all Australian States and New Zealand battled on over the fourteen days with little time for surfing, sunning or dozing.

Great credit must go to Mel Watson, Dick and Ron Relton who, with Ern Mackie of Double Bay, reached the semifinal of the fours. The pre-post betting of evens any one of the four was indicative of the games to follow. Ray Duncan of the Gold Coast Association substituted for Dick who unfortunately had to retire owing to illness. In a hard, tough game Ern's team was narrowly defeated by a strong Queensland side. Scores were even throughout and the local scribe properly reported it as a "great battle".

It is no doubt of interest to many of our bowlers to recall that the 1963 winners of the fours included the late Alick Buckle, Treasurer of the Club at the time of his passing.

Moreover, according to the records available, Tattersall's members support of this Carnival dates back to 1958. Ken Ranger heads the list of donors of trophies coupled with Jack Pick, the late Alick Buckle, the late Don Passmore and the late Bert Levey.

Since 1966 Gordon Booth has joined Ken Ranger (fours trophies) by donating the pairs trophies. At Gordon's request the presentation is made and referred to as the Alick Buckle Memorial Trophy.

#### Not all time records are made to be broken

Biscay, the Victorian speed merchant who went bankrupt at the Sydney Autumn carnival, had a Victorian halfmile record of 45-4/5 in October, 1967, but it missed Australasian and world figures by a long chalk. Over 47 years ago Gloaming, in winning a New Zealand sprint, ran the half-mile in 45 flat after missing the jump. This was a world and Australasian record which stood for 50 years. But, unlike Biscay, Gloaming didn't turn out a speedy squib. He went on to success in three Derbies over  $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Defeating the greatest champions of Australia and New Zealand he finished his career with 57 wins. In 67 starts he was never worse than second except one day when the barrier caught in his teeth and threw him on his back. Biscay won two two-year-old races after his local half-mile record and, on coming to Sydney for the 1968 Autumn carnival,

was beaten out of a place in the Golden Slipper and the A.J.C. Champagne Stakes, Australia's two richest prizes for two-year-olds, \$30,000.

Few records remain as long as Gloaming's half-mile but there is one in the Australian book which has survived since 1911. This is the three mile time,  $5.22\frac{1}{4}$ , established by Trafalgar in a weight-for-age race at Randwick. However, three mile contests went off the race calendar 12 years after Trafalgar's achievement and so did the opportunity for modern racehorses to challenge his figures.

Many of these three milers were turned to farce by the slow tactics by the jockeys and in 1923 the A.J.C. dropped them. In 1922 three good horses competed in the A.J.C. Plate. They were Poitrel (Melbourne Cup winner with 10 st.), Kennaquhair (Sydney

Cup winner with 9 5) and Millieme, Williamstown Cup winner with 9 0 but it was turned into the silliest race ever run, not only at Randwick but anywhere in the world. The jockey on Millieme turned his horse the wrong way to get last so as to retain the final run. Poitrel eventually won, but his time was 6 32½. This was more than half a minute over even time, and to indicate how farcical the contest became it need only be mentioned that the three mile steeple-chase run the same day took 6 38¼. And the winner of this, Compromise, had 21 formidable cross-country fences to jump.

Trafalgar, the holder of this most ancient of time records, was a good horse who won the Sydney Cup as a three-year-old, and was narrowly beaten by Comedy King in the 1910 Melbourne Cup carrying 9 2. He landed scores of

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weight-for-age races, so it is befitting that his three mile record should stand as a worthy monument to his outstanding form and stamina.

Time records should stand as a mark of the clock's appreciation of racehorse superiority, but records are only made to be broken. One that has remained standing for a long time, however, is Tulloch's mile-and-a-half in 2 26-9/10 which he made in the Caulfield Cup of 1958. As a three-year-old he carried only 7 8. At this period of his career he was perhaps the best racehorse Australia ever saw, but then came the illness which put him off the Turf for nearly two years. It will never be known what he may have achieved as a race-winner or a maker of record times.

Another short-distance time record for Randwick which has withstood the challenges of time is that of Woorak over  $4\frac{1}{2}$  furlongs. He ran it in 1913 in 541 to win the Gimcrack Stakes, which was for two-year-olds of both sexes, but is now for fillies only. But Woorak was no squib, as he later proved with success in the 1915 Epsom over a mile with 8 12; then a second to Amata in the 1916 Newmarket carrying 9 9; and, finally, a win in the 1917 Oakleigh Plate with 10 5. Nor was he lacking as a stallion. His son, Whittier, won Caulfield Cups in 1922 and 1925; the Victoria Derby; and, leading all the way under 95, made a time record of 1 36 in winning the 1924 Doncaster.

With thousands of races run annually over six and seven furlongs frequent new records could be expected, but these have remained unbroken in Australia for 28 years for the six furlongs and 26 years for the seven furlongs. Aurie's Star  $1.8\frac{1}{4}$  carrying 10.2 up the Flemington straight beat past times by such a wide margin that none has since been able to get within a second. He had a wind advantage which helped, but nevertheless it was a notable achievement. And he was no "squib" when he made it. He had already won a Newmarket and two Oakleigh Plates, the second with 9 12.

Freckles was not quite so outstanding. He won the 1942 Epsom with 7 12, leading all the way. Next start, when made a hot favourite, he failed to get nearer than sixth to Soho in a poor City Tatt's six furlongs Flying. Freshened up with a break of a few weeks he cleared out from his field with a 7 lb. apprentice allowance to lead all the way and run the 1 22 which still stands as the record. Chasing him home was Rimveil, winner of an Epsom with 92 and many other good races. Freckles was a skinny, angular gelding who had been lightly raced and was six years old when he made the record. It must have been a supreme final effort because he had only a few more runs and never won another race!

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## THE UPS AND DOWNS OF WARWICK FARM

A race run at Warwick Farm and won by Joe's Pleasure on June 29 was named after a former owner of the racecourse and a notable figure on the Turf half a century ago.

It was the Oatley Handicap, a six furlongs sprint to commemorate the late E. E. A. (Ted) Oatley who founded the course as a proprietary racing club at the turn of the century.

Mr. Oatley began his career as a Government servant, became keen on racing and soon saw the commercial prospects in running a proprietary club. He formed a syndicate to pay £30,000 for a wide stretch of country on Georges River which had been used to date merely as a training track for the nearby stables of wealthy owners and studmasters, thus affording an already surveyed course for racing.

It prospered as the Warwick Farm Race Club and it wasn't long before Mr. Oatley was investing in racehorses of his own. He won a huge betting plunge on his own horse, Storey, in the 1910 Doncaster Handicap. A few years later he saw a smart three-year-old being trained at The Farm which he realised had all the speed attributes of a champion sprinter. The name was Relievo and was owned by a Sydney family of Greek restaurant proprietors. He dangled an unusual enticement in front of their noses to lease the three-year-old for a few weeks. Price of the lease was £500 and the family readily agreed.

Mr. Oatley made a huge plunge on this practically unknown galloper at long odds and he bolted in with the 1913 Newmarket at Flemington.

Warwick Farm had been famous in the early days of the Turf as the training ground for champion stayers. An unbeaten horse, Grand Flaneur, who won the Derbies and Melbourne Cup of 1880, was prepared there by his owner, Mr. W. A. Long, and a few years later Bill Forrester trained his two Melbourne Cup winners, Gaulus and The Grafter, there. In the 1897 Cup Forrester's horses, Gaulus and The Grafter, ran first and second, and the following year The Grafter won the Cup outright, then went to England where he cleaned up in a number of the old country's best distance handicaps.

Early in the 1920s the Australian Jockey Club Committee began looking round for an alternative racecourse to supplement Randwick and eventually chose Warwick Farm, The A.J.C. bought the course and all its appurtenances for £75,000, with a further option of £10,000 for the grazing country around the course along the Georges River bank and extending a long way in every direction. The deal was completed with 10year debentures at 10 per cent, which gave the Oatley family a handsome income for that period. Eventually the whole sale was completed, and the extra acreage beyond the course provided carparks and enabled the A.J.C. to extend and build one of Australia's most popular and picturesque racecourses at a cost of £250.000.

The old Warwick Farm course had two unusually funny innovations—brain children of the course's eccentric owner, Ted Oatley — the false rail and a two-year-old special racing strip. To provide the false rail the running rail was angled inwards a furlong from home. This enabled a galloper following the pacemaker to duck in and take the inside running if he had enough speed instead of having to go round the frontrunners, and there were many upsets for the punters.

On the other hand if your money was on a horse whose jockey was smart enough to take advantage of this homemade advantage, it was the best thing in the world. The late Albert Wood, crack jockey of half a century ago, was a real artist through the false rail. But the A.J.C., on taking over, cut out what they considered a specious winning device.

The two-year-old course was from about the six to the two furlongs to afford a run with only one mild bend in it for the youngsters. This was a praiseworthy motive, but to get it working a new judge's box had to be installed near the home turn, which the judge occupied for two-year-old races only.

The Leger crowd got a fair idea of the finish of these, but the paddock punters knew little of the result until the numbers were hoisted and with no race broadcasts in those days had a long wait to see which way their money went.

This innovation also disappeared with the advent of the A.J.C. at The Farm.

The tote came into operation while Mr. Oatley owned Warwick Farm. A date

was fixed for installation of the machine on all Sydney tracks, but Warwick Farm was late with its installations and was forced to ask for time. When it did come in Mr. Oatley employed some old cronies on the tote staff, and the result on the first day of operation was disastrous.

The finances were £340 short. Somebody outside had been overpaid. Mr. Oatley had to fork out the imbalance. The staff was changed next meeting and no more mistakes were made.

Had not Warld War II intervened, the A.J.C. purchase of Warwick Farm would have fulfilled a very quick and desirable future for the senior Club, but the American military occupation of The Farm in 1939 stopped racing there for nearly a decade. To restore it after such an idle break cost the A.J.C. a fortune.

But the Club's determination to persevere with its acquisition won public appreciation and The Farm's racing and training track facilities lack nothing by comparison with any other course in Australia.

## HAVE YOU ANY TROPHIES?

Either through personal inspection or through photographs in this journal, all members will now be familiar with the decor of our Sportsman's Room in the basement of the Club. Amongst other things, its atmosphere is established by the use of various "trophies" hanging on the walls and these include such things as animal heads, spears, etc.

However, to properly decorate the room, more of this type of thing is needed and it is requested that any member who may have such trophies and finds no use for them might care to donate them to the Club.

Such things as old firearms, swords, spears, shields, whips, horse brass and similar items would be most appropriate and their donation would be greatly appreciated.

If you are in a position to make a contribution of this sort, either phone the Club Secretary and make arrangements for delivery or simply bring them into the Club office.

## DAILY TELEGRAPH RACING TOUR

BY CLUB MEMBER W. S. (BILL) WATERHOUSE

Looking back over the recent racing tour there is no doubt that the highlight was the short two-day visit spent in Las Vegas.

Going to Las Vegas was a calculated risk as although I knew I would like it, I also knew that the tour members had just completed five weeks of solid racing and were perhaps sated by gambling. Also, when you are on your way home the tendency is to get there as soon as possible. Everyone's baggage had doubled with gifts and bargains, and we all know only too well how irksome packing and unpacking can be.

When we left New York, where we had spent a five-day visit, I thought that the tour members were rather let down by the big city. The racing at Belmont had not excited our interest as it had done in the United Kingdom and, of course, there was the inexorable baggage problem. On the way to Las Vegas the plane stopped at Chicago, Kansas City, and Albequerque.

In Las Vegas the group was booked in at the Stardust Hotel. I had stayed there previously and knew the hotel, the people, and what to expect. Besides being luxurious, the Stardust is the largest resort hotel in the world, and is

one of the chain owned by the famous multi-millionaire Howard Hughes, whose personal fortune is estimated at \$1,500 million.

From the moment we stepped off the plane all fears disappeared. We were met by representatives from the hotel who took us back for a cocktail party. That night the hotel entertained our group in the main lounge and the entertainment was first-class.

The rooms were equal to the best we had encountered during the whole tour. There was every luxury available that could be imagined, including colour television. It might be mentioned that Howard Hughes owns the major local television station. Attached to the hotel were two large landscaped swimming pools, five restaurants, a championship golf course, and an International raceway for those whose interests lie in that direction.

On the Monday evening we were given a table in the best position to see the Lido show in the main restaurant of the Stardust. This revue is taken in toto from the original Paris productions. The whole cast is flown in from Paris and set up in the Stardust at a cost of \$250,000. (The entertainment allowance at the Stardust is \$5,000,000 per

annum.) A large and well known magazine has called the Lido revue "the World's greatest floor show". The production was completely overwhelming and nowhere is there a show of such proportions. It is opulent, glittering, eye filling and performed on one of the theatrical world's most complex stages. The show includes an ice skating rink and a swimming pool, in which the swimmers are on full view to the audience. These are regulated, raised or lowered by an intricate system of six elevators with a revolving turntable.

After the show we formed smaller individual groups and went sightseeing along the famous "Strip". Our group walked from the Stardust, visiting the Golden Slipper, the Frontier, and Caesar's Palace, returning on the other side of the road, calling in at the Flamingo, the Sands and the Desert Inn. About 2 a.m. we called a halt, but most were prepared to keep going all night.

If you are in this kind of mood then this is the place. The action never stops in Las Vegas and for 24 hours every day of the year it runs at full pace to cater for big time gamblers and people from all walks of life.

We left on the Tuesday and everyone in the group stated that this was the place they wanted to visit again.



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A happy group of Club members and friends assemble outside the Hilton Hotel, London, before proceeding to the Derby

Club members Clyde Kennedy and Athol Shepherd



Committeeman Les Tidmarsh and friends on their way to the Derby





## Club Championship to Robert Lipman

Norman Rogers defeated David Morrissey in the first semi-final by 31-21. It was a great match but Norman carried "too many guns" and wore David down with his non-stop power hitting. David began well and opened up a lead of 6-1.

He continued to hold his own and led 12-8 and also 19-18. From that point onwards it was all Norm and eventually David only scored another two points, making Norm the winner 31-21. The umpire was Bill Hannan who did an excellent job.

In the second semi-final Robert Lipman defeated Ralph Davies 31-23, after a very fine match. This match was quite a contrast to the semi-final between Rogers and Morrissey. It was played at a slower rate but had that absorbing interest of each player trying to outwit the other with changes of pace, patches of speed, delicate drop shots, and the scores fluctuated all the time. Robert excells under these conditions and every now and then picked up a point which enabled him to forge ahead steadily and at the finish he was a comfortable winner.

#### The Final

This brought us to the final match between Norman Rogers and Robert Lipman. It was decided best two out of three sets of 21 points each set. Norm, whose form had been devastating, was a firm favourite to win. In the first set he careered away to win 21-12. His power game was working and Robert simply could not handle him at any stage. Sensing this, Robert made the rallies last as long as possible and was content to wait his opportunity in the second set, when it was more even, but Norm still kept the pressure on and it looked like a straight set win. Then Robert's tactics began to pay off and at this stage Norman began to tire. Robert stepped his game up with a little more speed which had Norm running around the court and eventually Robert won the set 21-18. And so on to the deciding set.

In this set Norman's great heart would not give in but it was to no avail. Robert gained an early lead and with this he kept the pressure on all the way. He had Norm running all over the court, showing great concentration and playing superb handball. He was just too good and so we have a new Handball champion of Tattersall's Club — Robert Lipman — and a very gallant runner-up

— Norman Rogers. The umpire, Bill Hannan, deserves special mention. He umpired through three very hard, long sets and his decisions were faultless. Congratulations, Bill, for a good job.

#### "GOOD IDEA" FINAL

The match between Ken Glass and Norman Rogers was a beauty. This is a handicap event of one set only, 41 points up. The handicaps were: Ken  $\pm 12$ , and Norman +2. It was a thriller! Ken, playing the game of his life, really gave Norm a fright. Both the very strong batters put everything into it. Norman, by dynamic force, levelled the scores at 30-30 and, of course, looked set for a very easy win. He was very worried when, by sheer brilliant handball, Ken raced to the front again to lead 36-32 and he in turn looked all set to win. However, Norman's physical condition and determination carried the day and when the match ended, with two very tired players, the winner of the Good Idea trophy was Norman Rogers by 41-38. Hard luck, Ken, you were a very gallant runner-up. The umpire was Prof. Jim Williams, who did a very fine job.

#### **GRADE COMPETITIONS**

In the Grade Competitions not all the events have been completed.

The finalists for A Grade: Syd Kay v. Bill Yewdall.

The finalists for B Grade: Michael O'Dea v. Stan Heaton.

The finalists for C Grade: Bill Orme v. Rod Fisher.

I shall comment upon these events in next month's magazine notes.

#### **GENERAL NEWS**

Had a couple of letters from Sam Block and his wife, Nell. They are having a wonderful time. The last letter was from Ireland. (The land of the forefathers, Begorrah!!) He went to see the Irish Derby run at the Curragh Racecourse and, from what he tells me, it is so big you could run the Melbourne Cup of two miles only once around and still have some furlongs in reserve. Anyhow, he did not back the winner but Nell did and, of course, this got Sam out of his trouble too. He is now on the way to Austria and sends his kindest regards to all of his friends at the Club.

#### **GYM CAPERS**

This department continues to go from strength to strength and is increasing in popularity every week. The weightlifting appears to be becoming very popular. All the young blokes like Rod Fisher, Robert Hill, Basil Phillips, Charlie Coppa, are so fit that they are jumping out of their skins. Bill Watts like a ride on the "bike" and Peter Wakefield on the rowing machine looks set to break records if he ever takes on rowing seriously. Anyhow, it is good to see our members in such fine trim and looking after themselves. Do not forget to see the masseurs afterwards-it does you the world of good and the cost is so reasonable. Cheerio.

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## **SWIMMING NOTES**

There was much excitement in the Pool in the first couple of weeks of July when the 1967/1968 season ended with the Club Championship, the finalisation of the "Native Son" trophy and June-July Point Scores.

Ex-world champion John Devitt again won the Club title — this time in the comparatively slow time, for him, of 19.5 secs., before a splendid crowd of members who were attracted to the Pool for the big race.

They enjoyed it, too, as although John won by over a yard, the battle for the places was exciting. Paul Blake, Bryan Mortensen and Terry Gathercole also qualified for the final with Paul just taking second place by a hair from the dead-heaters, Bryan and Terry.

Frank Falson performed a splendid job as starter, and the only contestant to go in before the gun was experienced Norm Rogers who, in the actual heat, swam out of his straight line and was just beaten into second place.

Among those present it was good to see Tattersall's Committeemen, Alf Collins, donor of the Championship trophies for a number of years, who was acting as a judge, and Arthur McCamley doing his regular job as a timekeeper.

As had been almost a certainty towards the end of the season, Frank Falson won the "Native Son" trophy, although Dan O'Connor put in a good finish and was only  $5\frac{1}{2}$  points behind, with Roger Clark nine points further away in third place.

As usual, Jim Comans was up in fifth place and all credit goes to Jim for his leading positions in past years, and for his win a few years ago.

This trophy is a much prized one, awarded for most points scored during the season and is presented annually by Bill Kirwan, to whom goes the Swimming Club's thanks.

Another great performance was that of Berry Innes who won the last monthly Point Score trophy of the season with three wins and a second in finals to score 31 points out of the possible 32. Berry has improved out of sight and in the last four events he had his handicap cut by two seconds.

Two other improved performers were Leigh Bowes and Robert Hill, tied for second place in the point scores, and with two events to go were up level with Berry.

Philip King has attracted a lot of attention by his swimming lately and

had the honour of winning the last handicap of the season defeating such seasoned handicap racers as John Devitt and Norm Rogers. His time was 21.8 secs. and many of the boys were asking who this new chap was. Look out for him next season.

Well, that marks the end of the 1967/1968 season, perhaps the most successful yet held in the long history of the Swimming Club. There was a membership of 152 and the number of starters in the races was a record.

New members and old all enjoyed their racing and it is anticipated that when the new season starts, about the second week of October, new records will be established in every way.

Thanks go to the Club officials who have kept the races going on time, and this involves up to sixteen races during the lunch hour. These dedicated and devoted workers deserve all the credit in the world.

Before closing, we wish to record our sympathy with a couple of our members who suffered grievous family losses early in July. On the first day of that month John Dexter, Junior, lost his wife after a long illness; whilst on the seventh of July Arthur O'Connor's 19-years-old son, Shane, was killed in action in Vietnam. To both of our good members go our sincere condolences.

#### **RESULTS**

25th June — 80 yards Brace Relay Handicap — Final: B. Innes and P. King (48) 1, R. Harris and D. Jackson (55) 2, F. L. Bowes and W. Rowe (50) 3. Time 46 secs.

2nd July — 40 yards Handiiap — 1st Division Final: D. O'Connor (28) 1, B. Innes (25) 2, D. Dind (28) 3. Time 28 secs. 2nd Division Final: P. King (23) 1, J. Devitt (19) 2, N. Rogers (21) 3. Time 21.8 secs.

9th July — 40 yards Club Championship — 1st Heat: J. Devitt, 19.5 secs., 1; P. Blake, 20.5 secs., 2; I. Ross 3; R. Hill 4. 2nd Heat: T. Gathercole, 21 secs., 1; B. Mortensen, 21 secs., 2; N. Rogers 3; B. Phillips 4.

#### **FINAL**

- J. Devitt, 19.5 secs., 1.
- P. Blake, 20.4 secs., 2.
- B. Mortensen, 20.5 secs.
- T. Gathercole, 20.5 secs. (

#### JUNE-JULY POINT SCORE

This series, the last of the season, resulted: B. Innes (31 points) 1, F. L. Bowes and R. Hill (24) 2, J. Devitt and

R. Harris (21) 4, D. Morrissey, D. O'Connor and W. Rowe (21) 6, R. Clark and D. Dind (18) 9, C. Coppa, F. Falson and T. Gathercole  $(16\frac{1}{2})$  11, N. Rogers and P. King (16) 14.

#### "NATIVE SON" POINT SCORE

This series for most points scored during season 1967/68 were:

- F. Falson (169½ points) 1.
- D. O'Connor (164 points) 2.
- R. Clark (155 points) 3.
- J. V. Comans (151) 4; W. Rowe (146) 5, B. Cox ( $141\frac{1}{2}$ ) 6, B. Phillips (135) 7, C. Coppa (134) 8, D. Morrissey (133) 9, C. Robinson (130) 10, D. Jackson ( $129\frac{1}{2}$ ) 11, N. Rogers ( $128\frac{1}{2}$ ) 12, S. Kay ( $126\frac{1}{2}$ ) 13, D. Dind (124) 14, R. Hill ( $121\frac{1}{2}$ ) 15, R. Harris (118) 16, J. Ward ( $117\frac{1}{2}$ ) 17, N. Amy (116) 18, E. S. Ogg ( $113\frac{1}{2}$ ) 19, L. Foley ( $111\frac{1}{2}$ ) 20, B. Mortensen (109) 21, J. Bradshaw ( $107\frac{1}{2}$ ) 22, K. Glass (101) 23.



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## Thrills Galore On Our 1st Floor

Since we last went into print the usual number of unpredictable upsets has continued to provide an outstanding feature in our Billiards and Snooker tournaments.

"Chief upsetter" in this regard surely must be Frank Roberts who, as previously reported, downed a hot favourite in the previous round of the Snooker Handicap. In the following round Frank got up again and defeated a fine player in Roy Bryden. Equally surprising were Claude Brelaz's well-earned victory over back marker Ken McDonald, Mick Larkin's defeat of former champion Hans Robertson, and Jack Mahony's shock defeat of the unlucky Roy Bryden in their Billiards match.

These are to name but a few of the upsets that traditionally feature our Grand Tournaments on the green baize, and providing — per medium of this glorious uncertainty — enhanced enjoyment of matches by the "lookers on".

One of the great Snooker Matches this writer was privileged to witness, and well deserving of special mention, was that between George Mousally and Leo Christie. Taking longer than usual to find touch, George was lagging behind with Leo looking the winner. George made up the leeway with a finely executed 26 break. Leo, playing confidently, replied immediately by sinking the green, brown and blue in one break. However, George proved too strong on the pink and black to win an exceptionally fine contest.

#### **INTER-CLUB SNOOKER**

There is nothing but good news to report from our Inter-Club Snooker teams' activities. Since our last report Tattersall's team defeated the Schools Club at their club, and played host to the Sydney Club whom we also defeated.

The record now reads: Tattersall's played four — won four. We are the only undefeated club in the competition, and well on the way to final victory.

H.H.T.

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#### 1968 GRAND BILLIARDS HANDICAP TOURNAMENT, 1968

#### 2nd ROUND

J. D. MAHONY	Rec. 90	defeated	G. R. BRYDEN	Rec. 45	250-159
K. D. McDONALD	10	,,	B. GERAKITEYS	80	250-231
H. H. TONKS	80	,,	A. S. FOSTER	40	250-1 <b>9</b> 5
R. W. DAVIES	80	,,	A. T. BARKL	40	250-119
E. A. WESTHOFF	75	,,	DR. C. DOWNWARD	95	250-219
G. J. MOUSALLY	Owes 60	,,	C. H. OSWALD-SEALY	80	250-223
J. H. FARRAR	Rec. 70	,,	A. V. MILLER, Snr.	60	250-115
R. A. BRADSHAW	75	,,	H. J. ROBERTSON	Scr.	250-218

#### QUARTER-FINALS

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J. H. FARRAR	Rec. 70	,,	E. A. WESTHOFF	Rec. 75	250-224	
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K. D. McDONALD	10	.,	R. W. DAVIES	Rec. 80	250-200	
J. D. MAHONY	90		R. A. BRADSHAW	75	250-215	

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#### 3rd ROUND

DR. C. DOWNWARD	Rec. 30	defeated	A. J. PENNEFATHER	Rec. 20	86-77
A. S. FOSTER	17	,,	J. D. LARKINS	33	80-49
J. A. BAKER	30	,,	W. S. FOSTER	18	67-29
C. BRELAZ	32	,,	F. J. BURNS	18	75-56
F. ROBERTS	32	,,	G. R. BRYDEN	3	82-58
B. GERAKITEYS	15	,,	A. T. BARKL	18	72-34
J. H. FARRAR	12	,,	G. MOUSALLY	4	52-41
P. K. DIND	30	,,	C. OSWALD-SEALY	12	84-54
R. W. DAVIES	23	,,	L. BLUETT	11	87-41
N. JACOBS	26	,,	C. J. MILLIKEN	30	81-57
R. S. ALEY	32	,,	M. O. LARKINS	33	78-71
N. PRENDERGAST	18	,,	E. A. WESTHOFF	17	90-41
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#### Pymble Golf Club Outing

Favoured with ideal weather 81 starters took to the northern suburbs where Pymble was the venue on Tuesday, 9th July.

Once again scoring was to the fore with Peter Leslie, 7/5, returning a good 38 stableford points being a clear cut winner from Tom Crow off scratch who had a splendid 34 points — it does appear that Tom has now overcome his spell of "sockets".

Of the 19 visitors who joined us on the day Jack Channer, 16/12, led the field with 39 points with daylight second. Jack was assured that Bonnie Doon secretary Hugh Simmons would hear about his good fortune.

In the Four-Ball-Best-Ball Stableford S. Zappia and E. Royds combined well to turn in 46 points and showed a clean pair of heels to B. Byrne and Noel Middleton, with 41 points, who were runners-up on a countback.

An excellent buffet dinner with lashings of good cheer, more "carryings on" at the bar and over the billiard tables. saw lights out at approximately 10 p.m. after a rather heavy day. Our thanks to Pymble Golf Club for making our day so enjoyable.

Don't forget the forthcoming venues: Avondale—Wednesday, 14th August: Cromer—Tuesday, 17th September: Killara-Thursday, 10th October: Manly—Thursday, 28th November.

Any members are more than welcome to join us whether or not they are members of the Golf Club.

#### **RESULTS FROM PYMBLE**

#### Singles:

Winner (Member): Peter Leslie, 7/6, 38 points.

Runner-up (Member): Tom Crow, Scr., 34 points.

Winner (Visitor): Jack Channer, 16/12. 39 points.

#### Four-Ball:

Winners: S. Zappia and E. Royds, 46 points.

Runners-up: B. Byrne and N. Middleton, 41 points on countback.



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